

Application Number: 09/992,788
Response to Office Action of March 23, 2005

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An aesthetically acceptable toothbrush manufactured from preformed components comprising:

the toothbrush formed from at least two preformed thermoplastic toothbrush components, which are welded together by heating each respective component with hot air to form a toothbrush having acceptable peel resistant strength; said preformed toothbrush components being selected from the group consisting of at least a part of a head, a neck and a handle, and combinations thereof, said preformed toothbrush components having a different melt flow rate from each other and wherein at least one of said preformed toothbrush components is elastomeric.

2. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said weld has a break strength to withstand a peel force of at least 15 in-lbs. (1.69 joules).

3. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said weld has a break strength to withstand a peel force of at least 18 in-lbs. (2.03 joules).

4. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein said weld has a break strength to withstand a peel force of at least 20 in-lbs. (2.26 joules).

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The toothbrush of claim 1, wherein three preformed components or parts thereof are welded together to form a toothbrush.

8. (Canceled)